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# PRODUCE MEN ASK BETTER **SCHEDULES**

**Adopt Strong Resolution** Appealing to Railroads

#### TRADE DIVERTED FROM RICHMOND

Bad Train Service Robs This City of Tens of Thousands of Dollars Every Year.

#### BUSINESS PEOPLE ARE THOROUGHLY AROUSED

Leading Members of Other Commercial Organizations Say Their Bodies, Will Press the Demand by Resolution and Influence With Transportation Companies.

of the city there is spreading the agita tion for a more direct and immediate communication between Richmond and the great Valley of Virginia, a territory that now scarcely knows the Capital City and that pours its immense volume of wealth rade into the coffers of Baltimore New York and other points North. Cary Street, the mecca of the whole

nd produce men, is allve with the subject, and an unqualified endersement of the movement for better railroad schedules, the key to the situation, will be followed by such other steps as can be devised for the benefit of the scheme on Friday evening last a meeting of the Richmond Fruit and Produce Association was held, and after a free and enthuriastic discussion of the matter a resolution was adopted by unanimous vote. It was offered by Mr. Joseph Wallerstein, chairman of the Transportation Committee. A copy of it will be laid before the authorities of the Chesanicake and Onlo, and the matter will be pressed in that direction. The resolution reads: subject, and an unqualified endorsemen

pressed in that direction. The resolution reads:

"Be it resolved by the Richmond Fruit and Produce Association. That we wish to express our hearty approval of the movement to secure carlier trains out of Richmond on the Chesapeake and Ohio, Railway, in order that our daily papers may reach points along the line of the Chesapeake and Ohio within 200 miles of Richmond within a reasonable hour. We think the best interests of Richmond and the people at large will be greatly benefited by this convenience, and it will keep Richmond abreast of other cities in giving out the news of the day at an early hour. We earnestly commend this proposition to the officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, who have always stood ready to do everything in their power for the best interests of Richmond."

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The Produce Association is composed fall the Cary Street commission men, large and influential body who represent one of the most important branches for the business life of the city. To the gentlemen the question of schedules of very practical and immediate. This applies not only to the of Virginia, but to other sections State as well. The schedules are line of least resistance. When it is easier line of least resistance, When it is easier and cheaper to put stuff in Baitimore, several hundred miles away, than into Richmond, a half hundred miles off, the goods invariably go to Baitimore, though the disparity of distance makes the transaction appear ridiculous. This is just what is happening in several different places—the Eastern Shore, the Valley and elsewich

With reference to the Valley, the situation is peculiar. Because the Chesapeake and Ohlo train is made to leave here as late as 10 o'clock in the morning it misses every connection and puts the Illichmond papers and the Richmond man in the Valley section the next day after the territory has been swent bure by the train from Baltimore and the North. The result is that the people of this section know little of Richmond and care less. It boasts not to them what is happening in this isolated and out of the way spot which it takes them several days to reach and return from, while they have immediate and splendid communication with the other places outside of the State. With reference to the Valley, the situa-

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RICHMOND, VA., SUNDAY APRIL, 17, 1904.



### WHICH?

## **CONGRESS IS** IN A HURRY

The Body Pushing Its Work So as to be Able to Adjourn by End of Month.

RIVER AND HARBOR FUNDS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16.-The action of the Senate Committee on Commerce, in agreeing that the emergency river and harbor bill, which carries an appropriation of three million dollars for general work on the harbors and rivers, may be amended, is giving great pleasur to the members of the House and Senate who want appropriations for their riverput on amendments for various works of the session and take away from Congress the possibility of swelling the total of appropriations. Senator Martin, who is a member of the committee, took an active part in having it agree to allow amendments to be made to the bill as it came from the House, and he will endeavor to have a number of changes made so as to allow of money being spent in the improvement of Virginia streams and harbors. He is very desirous of having the bill amended so as to authorize a survey of the Elizabeth River, from Hampton Roads to the navy yard, for the purpose of ascertaining the cost of making a thirt-foot channel and of a thirty-five-foot channel.

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CLAIMANTS DISAPPOINTED.

The members of the Virginia delegation in whose districts reside claimants who would have been benefited by the ounsibus claims bill which passed the House, and which the Senate Committee on Claims has decided not to report at this feesion are greatly disappointed. They were strongly in hopes that these forty-year-old claims would be settled at last, but the Republican leaders are determined that Congress shall get away just as soon as possible, and that the appropriation bills of this Congress shall amount to just as little as possible, to keep the wheels of government moving.

The claims, bill will pass at the next session, unless the prognostications of the best informed members of Congress are incorrect. In the meantime, many claims will have been adjudicated by the Court of Claims, from which tribunal they will be certified to the Senate and House, and then placed in the omnibus bill.

WILL ADJOURN LAST OF MONTH.

of meetings held in the course of the past year for the specific purpose of choosing an executive head of the Uni-versity, but none of them have resulted in action being taken. Alumni and others president of the University, postpon-taking the action ordered. If we have the right to postpone action for a year, said a member of the board to The Times Dispatch correspondent recently, "why not for ten years; and if for ten years, why not for ninety-nine, which is in law regarded as about forever?"

WILL NOT CONFIRM CRUM. WILL NOT CONFIRM CRUM.

There are few chances in favor of the confirmation of the appointment of the negro, Crum, to the collectorship of the port of Charleston. Senator Tillima, who has returned from South Carolina after an illness of some weeks, says he will not be able to remain here but a short time, and the traditional courtesy of the Senate as between members, will prevent any action being taken in his absence. It is regarded as practically settled that the President will usain send the nomination of Crum to the Senate at the beginning of the next session, reappointing him at the end of the present session.

Mr. Roosevelt has made to have a negro fill the office of collector at Charieston would supply the action for a comic pera. The President appoints Immediately afto the end of the extra session the President reappointed the darkey. When the Congress reconvened last full the President promptly sent in the nomination of Crain for confirmation, but it was not marked on at the regular agents. of Cram for confirmation, but it was not acted on at the regular session, and again, at the beginning of the regular session in December, the nomination was sent in, and after so long a time the Committee on Commerce reported in favor or confirmation. But the matter has not been pressed, and there is little probability that it will be acted on. Still, there is no hope that Mr. Roosevert will give up the idea of putting the negro in the place, which has been held by a white man for generations.

## THE DIVA'S DIVORCE BEING QUESTIONED

Herr Zolton Doeme Makes Application to Have Decree of

# TEN MILLIONS RORROWED

Baltimore and Ohic and Norfolk and Western Make a Big Dea.

#### USED MAINLY IN WASHINGTON

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 16.-The Baltimore and Ohio and the Norfolk and Rallroad Companes yesterday borrowed \$12,000,000 between them. These two railroads are closely associated with the Pennsylvania Railroad. The securing of such a large sum of money attracted has been rumored that the Baltimre and Oblo was going to sell bonds. This report has been emphatically denied by of ficers of the company. Insend of bonds used. The Unitimore and notes were Ohio Railroad Company, it was said or the street, has a larger lan still pend-

\$2,500,000 of Staten Island Railroad bonds and \$500,000 of subsidiary bonds. Some of the money is to be used for corporate expenses and the remainder for improve ments in and around Washington. The Baltimore and Ohio loan is to run

two years, and the notes will bear four

The Baltimore and Onto loan is to runtimo yoars, and the notes will bear four and a half per cent, interest. They were sold to Kuhn, Loei and Company and Speyer and Company, It is said they have all been sold by the syndicate which took them. These notes are secured by Reading Company second preferred stock.

There seems to be a difference of opinion in regard to the money secured by the Norfolk and Western Railroad Company, At the office of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company it was said yesterday that the Norfolk and Western Railway Company had soll \$2,000,000 car trust certificates, which had been in the treasury of the company.

The Baltimore and Ohio notes were quoted in this cit yesterday at 99 1-4, less one-quarter per cent.

It is estimated that the requirements of the railroad companies to provide for short time notes and maturing permanent obligations in the next two years will be \$300,000, not including certain obligations which practically take care of themselves, in the last three years the total bonded debt of the railroads of the company has increased \$30,000, The additional mileage constructed during the period was 1501 niles. try has increased seaton, and additional mileage constructed during the period was 1,901 niles.

#### PLAYING THE GAME ON BOARD OF SHIP

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.). NEW YORK, Arril 16 .- When the White Star liner Cedric arrived yesterday and since there was much gossip about a bridge whist game that had been played on board during the voyage. It was said were among the most prominent on board, game ended it was said that one of the men had been "cleaned out." There was close of the war. also a rumor on the rier that among those who landed were two men suspected of heing card sharns. On the voyage they proposed a quiet game with one of the passengers, a prominent Westerner, and the result was that the Westerner turned, it has been made a flattering offer for it.

a siphon of seltzer into the face of the proposer. The accused men are said to have exhibited cards bearing the engraved names of several well known clubs. At any rate, they were not molested when they left the ship.

#### CARGO OF ANIMALS; ELEPHANTS IMMENSE (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW YORK, April 16.—The largest cargo of wild and tame animals ever transported across the Atlantic arrived yesterday on the Bethania. Manifested as "packages," there were twenty-four elephants, an equal number of camels and dromedaries, a dozen llons, a trio of Bengal tigers, and hundreds of other animals. Of the twenty-four "packages" of elephants, twelve are of the small kind. These little fellows are the "shoot-the-chute" elephants, who will form one of the principal attractions at a shore resort this season. The elephants are the only "packages" in the cargo which will not be quarantined, every other animal being compelled to spend two weeks in quarantine at Athenia, N. J., before the government will issue a permit for them to take up permanent residences in this country. Elephants, it is explained, are not usually subject to disease; hence their immunity from delay. "packages," there were twenty-four ele-

#### FIVE OF A FAMILY DIE IN THREE MONTHS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WEST CHESTER, April 16 .- The fur eral of Mrs. Margaret J. Elvin, aged sixty-seven years, of Doc Run, took place yesterday. She was the fifth member of the Elvin family who died within the past three months. Each of the five persons died on a Monday, George Elvin died Monday, January H. aged sixty-five years. Thomas H. Elvin, a son, died Monday, January 25, aged twenty-seven years. Thomas LeRoy Elvin, a grandson, died Monday, Pebruary 1st, aged about six months. James Leslic Elvin, a grandson, died Monday, March 21st, aged about eight months. These children were twin sons of Thomas H. Elvin. Margaret, wife of George Elvin, died Monday, April 11th, aged sixty-seven years. eral of Mrs. Margaret

## UNIQUE-RELIC OF CIVIL WAR TIMES

Document Believed to be the Original Ordinance of Secession of South Carolina.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) BELVIDERE, N. J. April 16 .- Mrs. John Robinson, the widow of a veteran of the Civil War, has recently uncarthed a valnable and unique document, believed to

that the passengers engaged in the game | ily through a public sale. A picture was and that it lasted four days and well into the document was found concealed in the the nights of each of them. When the back, where it had been placed for safe-

# BRYAN WINS AS EXECUTOR

Court Practically Denies the Application of Mrs. Bennett for His Removal.

#### WILL GO TO HIGHER COURT

NEW HAVEN, CONN., April 16 .- A deeision denying in effect the application removal of William J. Bryan as executor of the estate of the late Philo was rendered to-day by Judge Cleaveland in the Probate Court. sel for Mrs. Grace Imogene Bennett, the widow, and other residuary legates, on contrary to the interests of the estate, The decision sustains a demurrer filed by Mr. Bryan's counsel and practically

denies the application as far as the Probate Court is concerned. The matter will now go to the higher court on

best interests of the estate was based on the fact that he appealed as an individual and as a trustee from the decree of the Probate Court refusing to incorporate as a part of the will the scaled letter by which Mr. Bennett expressed a wish that Mr. Bryan should have \$50,000. It was claimed by the residuary legatee that this appeal is inconsistent with his duties as executor of the will, and that he is unnecessarily delaying the settlement of the es-

for Mr. Bryan that in seeking to have the scaled letter incorporated in the will he is not attacking the will or assuming a position of hostility toward it, but is attempting to remove the ambiguity of the clause in the will mentioning the

letter. Judge Cleaveland finds that "there is Judge Cleaveland finds that "there is nothing to indicate that it was Mr. Bryan's duty to resign as executor and thus desert the trust conferred upon him by Mr. Bennett, and it canont be the law that his duties as executor involve the waiver of his right to have his claim as legatee passed upon by the court of last resort in this State.

## HIS HORSE SHYING

# RICHMOND IS THE BIGGEST MEAT DEPOT

Large Packing Houses Invest Here.

#### **REASONS WHY** THEY DID THIS

Banking Facilities and Railway, Facilities Superior to Any, Other Southern Point.

#### THE MORE COMPETITION THE BETTER BUSINESS

Some Little Account of Immensity of Meat Business-Eight Million Dollars Value Last Year's Shipments - One Hundred and Twelve Million Pounds.

What is Richmond doing? She is doing a great deal more than ome of her people know of; more, perhaps, than a majority of them know

Take the meat and provision business for instance; How many Richmond people are aware of the fact that something over eight million dollars' worth of meats were shipped from Richmond to southern eastern points last year? Very very few, omparatively speaking.

What proportion of the Richmond population will believe it, on the bare statecet it is a fact that Richmond is the largest distributing point for meats in the eastern section of the United States, All the great packing houses of the west have mude this their big distributing point, from which they supply the meat retailers throughout, the southeast. Ar pany and Swift & Co., all of Chicago, and Kingan & Co., of Indianapolis, who are among the largest ment packing conerns in the world, all have branch establishments here. All have invested largely in Richmond real estate and built up modern, up-to-date plants here in order to be in close touch with the im-mense southern trade,

#### And There Are Others.

All the other great packing concern dollars' worth of meats, not to ments that did not figure on the of the railroads, from which these ties are obtained.

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But think of those statems million dollars' worth of me llion dollars' worth of meats. That ans one hundred and twelve million to the uting point. Far in excent count of superior facilities and Richmond

count of superior facilities and Richmond has larger territory to servo.

Where did all these meats go to? To every part of the southeast, and they went through the immense warehouses, packing establishments and cold storage plants of the great packing houses which have made Richmond their main distributing point for the whole southeast; made Richmond their gateway to a rich country, a profitable territory.

#### Why From Richmond?

Why From Richmond?

It is interesting to inquire why the great concerns of Armour & Co., Kingan & Co., Swift & Co. and the Hammond Packing Company selected Richmond as their gateway to the South; why they bought real estate here and erected great warehouses and cold storage establishments and equipped them with all the modern improvements and all the up-to-date facilities and appliances for business; And why all the other great packing establishments of the West as far as Omaha; as far as Milwaukee are represented here through the local packing houses, named above and why all are doing an immense business.

It takes but a very few words to give the reply; Behmond enjoys advantages as a wholesale point and has facilities for husiness that are not approached by those of any other southern city.

Some of Richmond's Advantages,

#### Some of Richmond's Advantages.

mable and unique document, believed to be the original ordinance of secession of the State of South Carolina. It is in a good state of preservation, the only defect being some discoloration of the paper by reason of age.

It is printed on a sheet of veilum, 27x31 inches in size, and has appended to it the names of 170 prominent Southerners.

It came into the possession of the fame the document was found concealed in the back, where it had been placed for safeweeping by some one in the South at the close of the war.

The picture belonged to an old soldier, who said he got it of a Southerner. There can be little doubt of the genuineness of the document, and the lady who owns it has been made a flattering offer for it. In the first place the banking facilities f Richmond are superior to those of any